

[English]

Allotment of Levy Sugar to Sikkim

1154. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar being allotted to sikkim per month;

(b) whether this allotment is based on 1981 census figures;

(c) whether the Sikkim Government has requested for enhancement of quota of levy sugar with justification for its demand;

(d) whether the Government propose to take some action on the request; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). At present, monthly levy sugar allotment of Sikkim is 165 MT based on ensuring 42 gms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1.10.86. In addition, an adhoc increase of 5% in the monthly levy allocation has been allowed from August, 1991 to March, 1992 and accordingly an additional quantity of 8 tonnes is being allotted to Sikkim each month.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). In view of the present limited availability of levy sugar, it is not possible to further enhance the levy allocation of any State.

Ban on sale and distribution of common Salt

1115. SHRI SANAT KUMAR Mandal: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to persuade some of the States to issue notifications banning the sale and distribution of common salt, in a bid to achieve the target of the universal iodisation of salt;

(b) if so, the name of these states and their reaction thereto; and

(c) the progress made so far towards the banning of the use of common salt particularly in the hilly and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The Union Government have been persuading All States and Union Territories for quite some time to issue notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt for edible purposes. The following States and Union Territories have already issued the ban notification in their entire States/Union Territories:

STATES

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Haryana
5. Himachal Pradesh
6. Jammu & Kashmir
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Manipur
9. Meghalaya
10. Mizoram